



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 1139
Riverside-Corona Feeder Water Supply Act
*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 16, 2008*

SUMMARY

H.R. 1139 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in planning, designing, and constructing a project to treat groundwater in California. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1139 would cost \$23 million over the 2009-2013 period and an additional \$3 million after 2013, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1139 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1139 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009-2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	4	7	7	7	25
Estimated Outlays	0	3	6	7	7	23

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2009 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimates of outlays are based on information provided by the Bureau of Reclamation.

H.R. 1139 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to design, plan, and construct groundwater wells and treatment facilities in California. The projects would be done in coordination with the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County.

Based on information from the bureau, CBO estimates that the project would cost about \$104 million to complete. Under the legislation, the federal share of all costs would be limited to 25 percent, and the Secretary would be prohibited from providing funds for operation and maintenance of the project. CBO estimates that implementing the project would cost \$23 million over the 2009-2013 period and an additional \$3 million thereafter.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1139 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Funds authorized in the act to design, plan, and construct water infrastructure would benefit the Western Municipal Water District in California. Any costs it might incur would result from complying with conditions for receiving federal assistance.

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